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CHAPTER 259

The Municipal Unconditional Grants Act

1. In this Act,

Interpre-
tation

- (a) "Department" means the Department of Municipal Affairs;
- (b) "Minister" means the Minister of Municipal Affairs;
- (c) "municipality" means a metropolitan municipality, city, town, village or township, but does not include a municipality situated within a metropolitan municipality. 1953, c. 72, s. 1.

2.—(1) The Department shall, if required for the purposes of this Act, determine in any year the population of each municipality in Ontario.

Population
to be de-
termined by
Department

(2) In determining the population of a municipality, the Department shall take the population of the municipality according to the latest census published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and shall adjust that population,

Method
of determi-
nation

- (a) by deducting the total number of persons included in such census who, at the time of the taking of such census, were inmates of institutions, or resided in defence establishments or on Indian reserves, or were transient employees, vacation residents or other temporary residents; and
- (b) by making allowance for any errors in such census that are certified by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

(3) Where the population of a municipality that is incorporated after the taking of the latest census published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics is not shown in such census, its population shall be determined in such manner as the Department deems proper. 1953, c. 72, s. 2, *amended*.

New municipi-
palities

3. Whenever the Dominion Bureau of Statistics publishes a new census, the Department shall redetermine the population of each municipality in Ontario in accordance with that census and section 2. 1953, c. 72, s. 4, *amended*.

New census

Redeter-
mination of
population

4.—(1) Where in the opinion of the Department the population of a municipality as determined under section 2, 3 or 5 has increased by an amount equal to 7 per cent of the population as so determined, the Department shall redetermine the population of the municipality.

Idem

(2) The Department may from time to time thereafter redetermine the population of the municipality whenever in its opinion the population has increased by 7 per cent of the population as last determined.

Idem

(3) Where in the opinion of the Department the population of a municipality as determined under section 2, 3 or 5 has decreased by an amount equal to 7 per cent of the population as so determined by reason of any change in the boundaries of the municipality, the Department shall redetermine the population of the municipality.

Idem

(4) The Department may from time to time thereafter redetermine the population of the municipality whenever in its opinion the population has decreased by 7 per cent of the population as last determined, by reason of any change in the boundaries of the municipality.

Idem

(5) Whenever in the opinion of the Department the population of a municipality has increased so that it will be entitled to an increase in the per capita payment to which it is entitled under section 7, the Department shall redetermine the population of the municipality. 1953, c. 72, s. 3 (1-5), *amended*.

Disputes

5. In the event of a dispute between a municipality and the Department as to its population for the purposes of this Act, the council of the municipality may appeal to the Minister who shall thereupon determine or redetermine, as the case may be, the population in accordance with this Act, and the decision of the Minister is final. 1953, c. 72, s. 5.

Effective
date of de-
termination
of population

6. Any determination or redetermination of the population of a municipality in respect of any year under this Act is effective for the grant payable in the following year and thereafter until redetermined in accordance with this Act. 1953, c. 72, s. 3 (6), *amended*.

Per capita
payments

7. In each year there shall be paid out of the moneys appropriated therefor by the Legislature to each municipality in Ontario a per capita payment or payments in accordance with the population of the municipality as last determined under this Act in the amounts set out in the Schedule to this Act. 1953, c. 72, s. 6; 1957, c. 80, s. 1.

8. There shall be paid in each year out of the moneys appropriated therefor by the Legislature to each county in which an Indian reserve is located by way of unconditional grant to assist each such county in the administration of justice in the county a per capita payment of \$1 in accordance with the population of the Indian reserve according to the latest census from time to time published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. 1958, c. 67, s. 1.

Per capita
payments
to counties
re Indian
reserves

9.—(1) The Department may require each municipality to state upon its tax bills in each year, in such manner, form and detail as the Department may require, the amount of the grants payable to it by the Province in that year.

Statement of
provincial
grants on
tax bills

(2) The Department may require any municipality situated within a metropolitan municipality and any local municipality forming part of a county to state on its tax bills in each year, in such manner, form and detail as the Department may require, its share of the grants payable to the metropolitan municipality or county by the Province in that year. 1953, c. 72, s. 7.

Idem

SCHEDULE

(Section 7)

PART I

To assist each municipality in Ontario, the taxpayers of which contribute through municipal taxes toward the cost of the administration of justice in a county, by way of unconditional grant:

\$1.00 per capita

PART II

To assist each municipality in Ontario in the provision of welfare and social services, including indigent and unemployment relief, hospitalization and institutional care costs and other services for its inhabitants, by way of unconditional grant:

\$2.00 per capita

PART III

In recognition of the larger per capita expenditures that municipalities with larger populations are required to make in the provision of welfare and social services, including indigent and unemployment relief, hospitalization and institutional care costs and other services for their inhabitants, the following per capita payments to municipalities having a population of over 2,000, in addition to those set out in Part I and Part II, by way of unconditional grant:

- (a) \$0.10 per capita in the case of towns and villages having a population of over 2,000 and not exceeding 5,000;
- (b) \$0.10 per capita in the case of townships having a population of over 2,000 and not exceeding 5,000;
- (c) \$0.25 per capita in the case of towns and villages having a population of over 5,000 and not exceeding 7,000;
- (d) \$0.25 per capita in the case of townships having a population of over 5,000 and not exceeding 10,000;
- (e) \$0.35 per capita in the case of townships having a population of over 10,000 and not exceeding 15,000;
- (f) \$0.50 per capita in the case of towns and villages having a population of over 7,000 and not exceeding 10,000;
- (g) \$0.50 per capita in the case of townships having a population of over 15,000 and not exceeding 20,000;
- (h) \$0.75 per capita in the case of towns and villages having a population of over 10,000;
- (i) \$0.75 per capita in the case of townships having a population of over 20,000;
- (j) \$1.00 per capita in the case of cities having a population of 75,000 and under;
- (k) \$1.25 per capita in the case of cities having a population of over 75,000 and not exceeding 200,000;
- (l) \$1.50 per capita in the case of cities having a population of over 200,000 and not exceeding 400,000;
- (m) \$2.00 per capita in the case of cities having a population of over 400,000 and not exceeding 750,000;
- (n) \$2.50 per capita in the case of metropolitan municipalities and cities having a population of over 750,000.